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Dear Jim:

I greatly appreciated your letter of May 2nd and your comments on the Cuban effuction. I know you are an expert on the subject and have given your letter very careful sensideration.

These are difficult days, particularly so for our own work, and it is encouraging to have your thoughts.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Allen Dulles, Esq. C.I.A. Washington, D. C.

My dear Allen:-

"A thistle, touched gently, is pricky Grasped firmly, is harmless."
- from an old English classic.

It is easy to say to an old friend "Well done thou good and faithful servant," when the public is heaping encomiums upon him for an outstanding achievement. But perhaps a friend appreciates more hearing a word of encouragement when his stock with the public is at nadir. Maybe this isn't your case but the press has not been good to you lately.

I need not tell you that I am one of your warmest admirers and envy your long and brilliant record of unselfish public service. It is not surprising to me that there have been failures as well as successes in the record. The gist of this letter concerns Cuba.

You may or may not know that I have spent half my adult life in Latin America and speak Spanish fluently. So perhaps I have a background that warrants my expressing myself on Cuba.

Encouraged by hearing Matthews of the New York Times tell a meeting of the Council on Foreign Relations in the spring of 1959 that Fidel Castro was an idealist and his over-throw of Batista was most constructive and should have the full backing of all Americans, I went to Cuba in March 1959 and spent a month there. Among others, I had a letter of introduction to the Garcia family. They are the decendents of General Garcia made famous by the story: Message to Garcia. I spent many hours in Havana with various members of this family and learned what was happening to the upper and middle classes in Cuba. I also talked freely with the "man in the Street" and learned that Castro had about 99% popular support. I had some lengthy talks with Phil Bonsal and other members of his staff at the Embassy. I of course listened to several of Castro's long-winded television broadcasts. The net result was that I came away disillusioned, but not convinced at that time that Castro was in the communist camp. Later when Guavara was steadily moved up to No. 2 man in the Government, I no longer had any doubts of the trend of things.

A year later Mulholland of the State Department talked about Cuba before the Council. In the question and answer period, I had a bit of a debate with him. Mulholland's talk was soporific: "We have our plans. We will take care of Castro in due time." Afterward I had a private talk with Mulholland. He asked: "What would you do, Luitweiler?" I Approved For Release 2002/08/23: CIA-RDP80B01676R003500150044-2

said: "I would stop completely America's buying of Cuban sugar". "But" said Mulholland, "the American people would not stand for having their supply of sugar cut off entirely." I answered rather facetiously: "Let Americans use sucyrol for a while. It might be cheaper in the end than allowing Castro to continue along his present line." I think in fact that at that time it would have been very effective and might have stopped his build-up.

Things kept getting worse in Cuba. At a meeting of the Council on the Congo, I had a little side talk with our mutual friend, Arthur Dean. "Why all this concern over the Congo and complete inaction on Cuba?" I asked him. "Luitweiler, whoever controls Africa will control the future of the world. The Cubans themselves will take care of Castro," was the substance of Dean's answer.

Recently I listened to Beltran, of Peru, before the Council. He was eloquent and emphatic as to the Cubans taking care of Castro on their own: "There are huge stores now of all sorts of modern Russian weapons in Cuba," Beltran said, "and 10,000 trained Russians and other satellite technicians in civilian clothes but ready at a moment's notice to take charge. The Russians do not trust Castro enough to let him have complete control of the armaments they have sent him. If there is a Cuban uprising it will be another Hungary unless the United States givesfull support." It was only a month ago he made this prophecy.

Last night I listened to the news commentator, Howard K. Smith, who also brushed aside the seriousness of the Cuban situation, saying in effect: "Cuba, 90 miles off our shore, is in Uncle Sam's maw. Any time we choose, we can simply bite him off." That is what the American people are being daily fed while the carbuncle of Castroism grows and the virus spreads throughout Latin America, just as the Hitler virusdid until it required a major operation to get rid of them and the world was laid waste in the process.

Now I imagine you have glanced through this much of my letter rather hurriedly and no doubt it is not news to you. If so it is indeed difficult for a layman to understand just what has happened in Cuba. I mention all these things, however, as background for what I have to suggest at this juncture. Something should be done and quickly: Not after six months when enough time has elapsed to mount another try at invasion by a fresh "army" of Cubans. "Losing face" in Latin America is as serious as it is in the Far East.

I am not advocating ignoring all our obligations to the United Nations and the Organization of American States. But the United States has certain obligations to its own citizens which I think are paramount. It has been rather well established that Americans have been arrested, jailed and shot by Castro without a trial - in a spirit of sheer bravado. Nothing makes us lose face in Latin America more than such incidents. Castro has proven he can pull feathers out of the eagle's tail and get a squawk, and nothing more. That should stop.

The suggestion: The very next incident that occurs - and it wont be long before it does - that an American is arrested in Cuba and held incomunicado without a hearing and benefit of consultation with diplomatic rentagenced for Release 2002/08/21e CIALRDES 0801676 R003500450044402 while

standing off Havana serve notice on Castro that we will blow him and his National Palace to bits unless the American is released and delivered over to us within the hour. If it does not happen, then carry out the threat and withdraw. That isn't <u>intervention</u>; that is just plain protection of American citizens abroad and it is high time such protection is given them.

You have no idea of the salutory effect this would have not only upon the Cuban people themselves, but upon Eatin Americans as a whole where similar incidents are likely to happen with increasing frequency.

Very cordially yours,

C. Luitweiler

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P.S. While I was writing this I heard a radio report that the Swiss Embassy in Havana, on our behalf, has invited all the 1200 American citizens in Cuba to leave, stating that Castro will allow it! Just another bit of weakness on our part and not calculated to help our prestige throughout Latin America. Americans in Cuba should be allowed to remain in Cuba if they wish and they should be assured of our protection!

THE NEW YORK TIMES, TUESDAY, MAY

# **RUSK BARS ATTACK** BY U.S. ON CUBA

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Senator Morse declared after the meeting that he was satisfied that the project had been a "joint participation" by the White House, the State Department, the Defense Department and the Central Intelligence

Agency.
Tomorrow afternoon the full Senate Committee on Foreign Relations will question Allen W. Dulles, director of the C. I. A., on his agency's participation in the Cuban attack and on other aspects of his agency's world-wide activities. Senate sources indicated tonight that there were no plans for a full-fledged investigation of the attack on Cuba.

### Watchdog Unit Sought

The questioning of Mr. Dulles on the C. I. A. role in organizing the attack on Cuba is likely, however, to add steam to the developing pressure in Congress for the establishment of a watchdog committee to oversee the continuing of the intelligence agency.

A resolution that would set up such a committee was introduced recently by Senator Eugene J. McCarthy, Democrat of Minnesota, and hearings on

it are expected to begin soon.
In testifying today, Secretary
Rusk was reported to have told
the Senators there was need to reassess the mechanism of relations between the State Department and the C. I. A.

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DISCUSSES CUBA: Secretary of State Rusk talking yesterday with Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, left, at hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee of Latin America. Mr. Rusk gave testimony on recent ill-fated rebel landing in Cuba.

## FRONDIZI STRESSES PRO-WESTERN AIMS

Special to The New York Times.

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# Molina Witness Seized in Cuba, Admits Lying, Group Here Says

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Francisco Molina, a supporter Señor Triana had told his story

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"We did not panic," the sailor said, "but we a pretty scared."

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CASTRO REGIME MARKS MAY DAY; Portraits of Karl Marx, Raul Castro, the Minister of Armed Forces, and Maj. Ernesto Guyara, right, Minister of Industry, being carried by athletes yesterday in parade in Havana.

Cuban May Day Marchers

# 500,000 IN HAVANA Eisenhower Disapproves RUSK BARS ATTACK ACCLAIM CASTRO Of a Witch Hunt' on Cuba BY U. S. ON CUBA

By RUSSELL BAKER

GETTYSBURG, Pa., May 1-Former President Dwight Assail U. S. — Rockets D. Eisenhover cautioned today against a "witch-hunting"

Paraded in Moscow investigation of the Cuban invasion failure:

Castro Starts Aggression

"Don't go back and rake over the ashes," the former President said at a news conference here, "but see what we

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By R. HART PHILIPS
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and various neutral countries
were in the reviewing stands.
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